

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The key input device 11 also includes a control section 14 having a mode switching section 14a which is connected to the key input section 12 to switch the character input modes of the key input section 12, and a key backlight lighting control section 14b which changes the lighting color of the key backlight 13 in synchronism with switching of the set character input modes. The key input device 11 is connected to the key backlight lighting control section 14b and includes a storage section 15 having a first storage section 15a and second storage section 15b.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The above embodiment has exemplified the character input modes such as the kanji input mode. In addition to them, however, a numeric input mode and the like can be set, and the device can be switched to these modes as needed. In addition, the device may be switched to an input mode based on the language spoken in the ~~counter~~ country where the device is used. For example, the device may be switched to an English input mode in an English-speaking country; a French input mode in a French-speaking country; and a German input mode in a German-speaking country. In addition, the key backlight can be lighted in many colors such as red and blue.